

House Committee Position on Senate Amendment 812  
to Section 502(a)(1) of H. R. 17123 (Military Procurement  
Authorization Act)

1. As stated in the Senate report, the authorization in section 502 for continuation of funding authority for the support of free-world forces including local forces in South Vietnam, Laos and Thailand, was designed to support the President's policy of Vietnamization <sup>and</sup> of the protection of U. S. troops but not to provide military support and assistance to the Cambodian government.

2. Senator Fulbright contended that amendment 812 was in line with the thinking expressed in the Committee report but his <sup>at</sup> amendment differed from the Committee report in that it <sup>applied</sup> extended to military support and assistance to Laos <sup>as well</sup>.

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Operations in Southeast Asia

HOUSE BILL

Sec. 401. Subsection (a) of section 401 of Public Law 89-367 approved March 15, 1966 (80 Stat. 37), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Funds authorized for appropriation for the use of the Armed Forces of the United States under this or any other Act are authorized to be made available for their stated purposes to support: (1) Vietnamese and other Free World Forces in Vietnam, (2) local forces in Laos and Thailand; and for related costs, during the fiscal year 1971 on such terms and conditions as the Secretary of Defense may determine."

SENATE BILL

Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 401 of Public Law 89-367, approved March 15, 1966 (80 Stat. 37), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a)(1) Not to exceed \$2,500,000,000 of the funds authorized for appropriation for the use of the Armed Forces of the United States under this or any other Act are authorized to be made available for their stated purposes to support: (A) Vietnamese and other free world forces in support of Vietnamese forces, (B) local forces in Laos and Thailand; and for related costs, during the fiscal year 1971 on such terms and conditions as the Secretary of Defense may determine. None of the funds appropriated to or for the use of the Armed Forces of the United States may be used for the purpose of paying any overseas allowance, per diem allowance, or any other addition to the regular base pay of any person serving with the free world forces in South Vietnam if the amount of such payment would be greater than the amount of special pay authorized to be paid, for an equivalent period of service, to members of the Armed Forces of the United States (under section 310 of title 37, United States Code) serving in Vietnam or in any other hostile fire area. Nothing in clause (A) of the first sentence of the paragraph shall be construed as authorizing the use of any such funds to support Vietnamese or other free world forces in actions designed to provide military support and assistance to the Government of Cambodia or Laos.

(2) No defense article may be furnished to the South Vietnamese forces, other free world forces in Vietnam, or to local forces in Laos or Thailand with funds authorized for the use of the Armed Forces of the United States under this or any other Act unless the government of the forces to which the defense article is to be furnished shall have agreed that --

"(A) it will not, without the consent of the President --

"(1) permit any use of such article by anyone not an officer, employee, or agent of that government,